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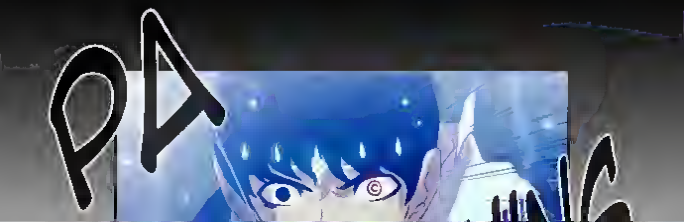

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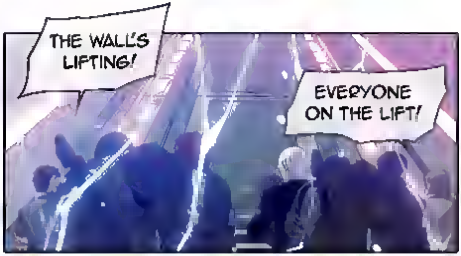
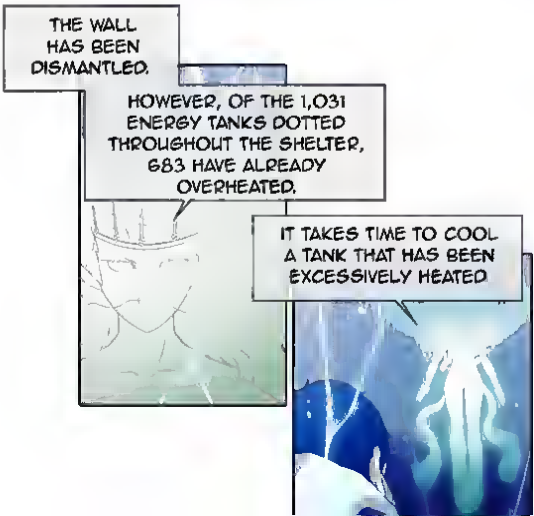
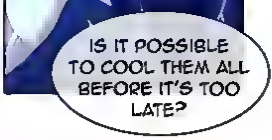
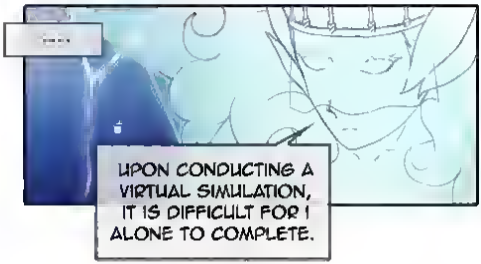
CHING
SAY YOUR COMMAND.
CARLO COLODI.
FIRST, DISMANTLE THE WALLS BLOCKING THIS AREA, AND STOP THE ENERGY TANKS FROM BLOWING UP!
ALL

OF HUMANITY
IS IN HERE!


THE WALL'S
LIFTING!
EVERYONE
ON THE LIFT!


THE WALL
HAS BEEN
DISMANTLED.
HOWEVER, OF THE 1,031
ENERGY TANKS DOTTED
THROUGHOUT THE SHELTER,
683 HAVE ALREADY
OVERHEATED.
IT TAKES TIME TO COOL
A TANK THAT HAS BEEN
EXCESSIVELY HEATED


IS IT POSSIBLE TO COOL THEM ALL BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE?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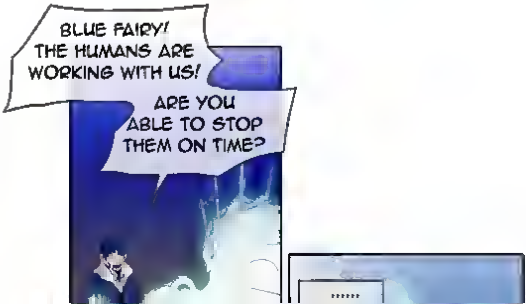
UPON CONDUCTING A VIRTUAL SIMULATION, IT IS DIFFICULT FOR I ALONE TO COMPLETE.

NO! WE CAN'T GIVE UP YET!
WE CAN DO IT TOGETHER!
DR GRILLO! CALL THE SHELTER DEFENSE AND DEACTIVATE THE JAMMERS, CALL HQ AND TRY TO COOL DOWN THE TANKS!
CALL THE DEFENSE FORCE!

ROGER!

JAMMERS ARE SHUT OFF!
EVERYONE, START THE COOL DOWN PROCESS!
WE CANNOT LET ANY OF THEM BLOW UP!


BLUE FAIRY! THE HUMANS ARE WORKING WITH US!
ARE YOU ABLE TO STOP THEM ON TIME?
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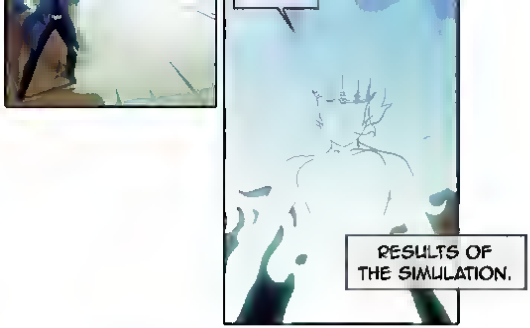
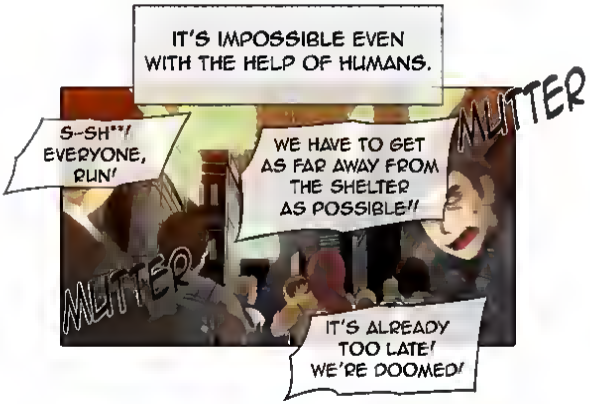
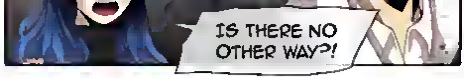
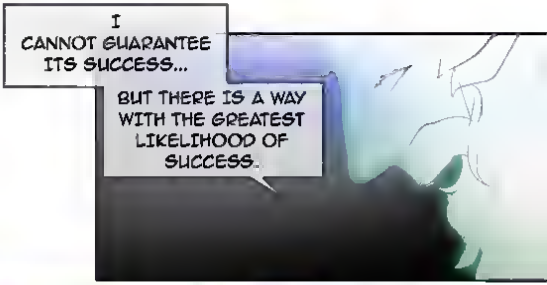

RESULTS OF THE SIMULATION.

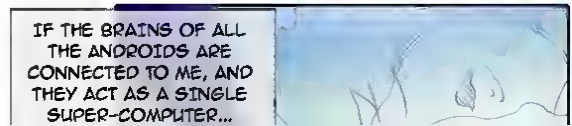

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE EVEN WITH THE HELP OF HUMANS.
S-SH**! EVERYONE, RUN!
WE HAVE TO GET AS FAR AWAY FROM THE SHELTER AS POSSIBLE!!
MUTTER
MUTTER
IT'S ALREADY TOO LATE! WE'RE DOOMED!

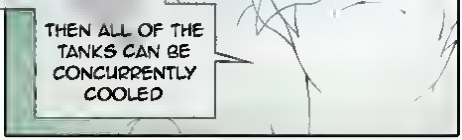
NO....!


IS THERE NO OTHER WAY?!

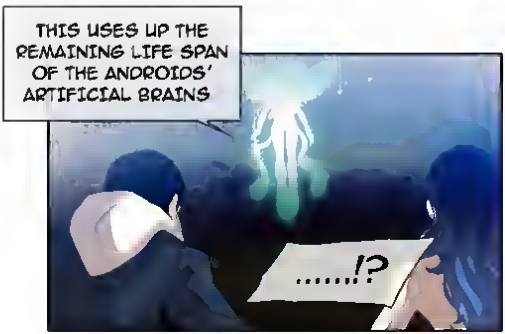

I CANNOT GUARANTEE ITS SUCCESS...
BUT THERE IS A WAY WITH THE GREATEST LIKELIHOOD OF SUCCESS.

... AND THAT IS?


IF THE BRAINS OF ALL THE ANDROIDS ARE CONNECTED TO ME, AND THEY ACT AS A SINGLE SUPER-COMPUTER...


THEN ALL OF THE TANKS CAN BE CONCURRENTLY COOLED

WE HAVE TO DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO STOP THE TANKS!
EVEN IF IT REQUIRES THAT..!
HOWEVER.

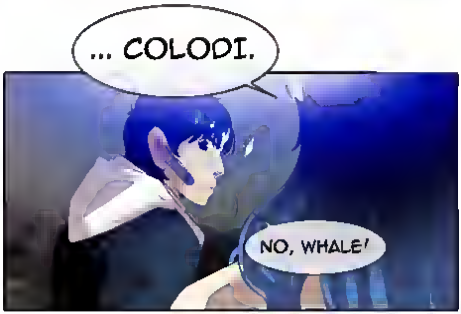

THIS USES UP THE REMAINING LIFE SPAN OF THE ANDROIDS' ARTIFICIAL BRAINS
.....!?

THERE AREN'T EVEN THAT MANY LEFT!
THEY HAVE SO LITTLE TIME REMAINING, I WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED OF SOME CEASED MOVING NOW!

EVEN BY THIS METHOD I CANNOT BE SURE THE TANKS WILL BE STOPPED.
HOWEVER, AS IT STANDS, IT'S THE ONLY MEANS POSSIBLE.

THE TANKS ARE HEATING UP FASTER EVEN AS WE SPEAK.

YOU MUST DECIDE.


... COLODI.
NO, WHALE!

THERE HAS TO BE ANOTHER WAY..!
SWISH-
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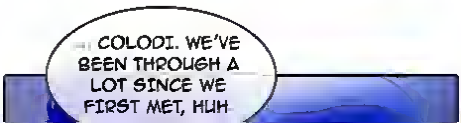

COLODI. WE'VE BEEN THROUGH A LOT SINCE WE FIRST MET, HUH

I REALIZED WHEN I SAW YOU AGAIN AFTER BEING ASLEEP FOR 10 YEARS
....
THAT A LOT HAD CHANGED IN THAT DECADE
A LOT HAD CHANGED..?
YES, BUT I DON'T MEAN THAT A KID GREW UP TO BE A MAN.

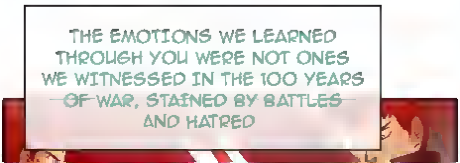
THE CHANGE I'M TALKING ABOUT IS REGARDING THE ANDROIDS.

ROSAURA FELT A SENSE OF RESPONSBILITY AND GUILT OVER NOT BEING ABLE TO SAVE YOU.

OLD PINOCCHIO AND POLCHINELLA GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR THEIR FRIENDS.

AND LEADER FELT IT WAS HIS FAULT THAT HE PUT HIS COMRADES AT RISK BECAUSE OF THE WRONG CODE

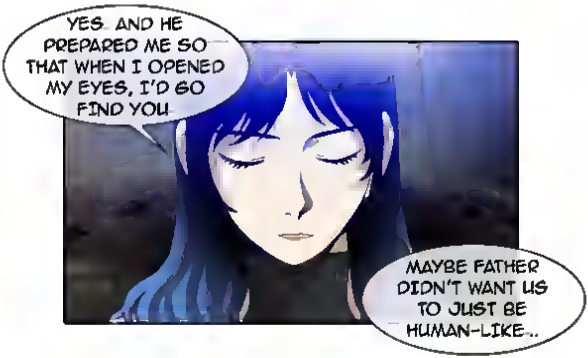
WE WERE GETTING CLOSER AND CLOSER TO BEING HUMAN-LIKE SINCE WE MET YOU.

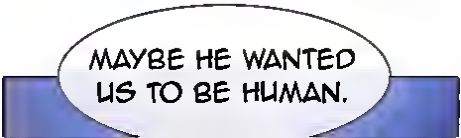

THE EMOTIONS WE LEARNED THROUGH YOU WERE NOT ONES WE WITNESSED IN THE 100 YEARS OF WAR, STAINED BY BATTLES AND HATRED

I DON'T THINK FATHER PUT US OUT IN THE WORLD IN COMPLETE FORMS
I THINK HE WANTED US TO BE EVOLVING BEINGS AS WE EXPERIENCED HUMANITY

THAT'S WHY HE LEFT THE CODE

FROM HUMANITY..
AMONG HUMANS...


YES. AND HE PREPARED ME SO THAT WHEN I OPENED MY EYES, I'D GO FIND YOU.
MAYBE FATHER DIDN'T WANT US TO JUST BE HUMAN-LIKE..


MAYBE HE WANTED US TO BE HUMAN.

COLODI. IF THE TANKS BLOW, IT WON'T BE JUST THE ANDROIDS KILLED.
IT WON'T BE COEXISTENCE, IT'LL BE CO-DESTRUCTION...

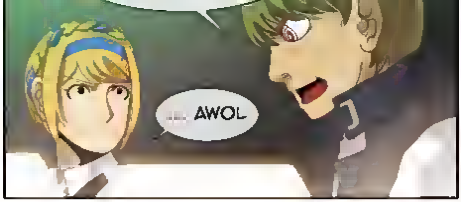
WE CAN'T HAVE AN ENDING LIKE THE ONE ANTONIO WANTED.

IF WE CAN SAVE THOSE PEOPLE BY DOING THIS, I WANT TO

WHALE..

... I THOUGHT WHEN I CEASED TO MOVE, IT'LL BE MID-BATTLE...
WHO KNEW AN END

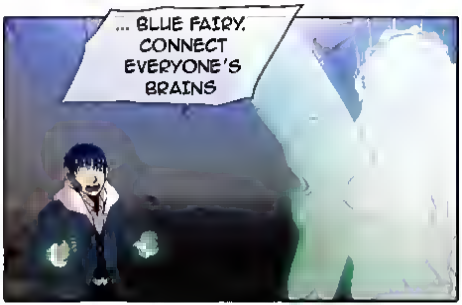
LIKE THIS WOULD BE WAITING FOR ME.
BUT I WON'T LET ANTONIO GET HIS WAY I'M IN, TOO.
ARLEKINO...!
... SAME.
FOR OUR COMRADES AND LEADER LOST TO THIS FIGHT...
I DON'T WANT ANTONIO TOYING WITH OUR FATES EVEN IN HIS DEATH!

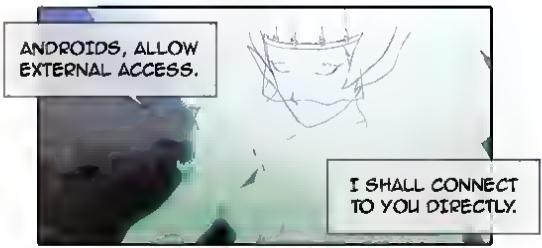

AWOL

COLODI. I'M READY, TOO.
WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?

AWOL...

ROSAURA

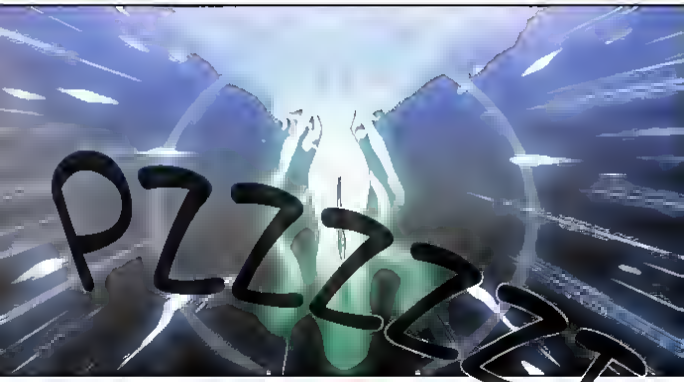

... BLUE FAIRY, CONNECT EVERYONE'S BRAINS

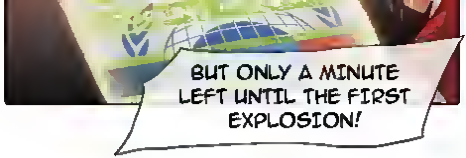

ANDROIDS, ALLOW EXTERNAL ACCESS.
I SHALL CONNECT TO YOU DIRECTLY.

PA
CHING

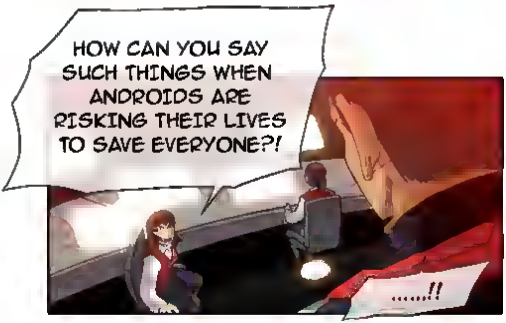
PZZT
PZZT
PZZT

CONNECTION COMPLETE.




BUT ONLY A MINUTE LEFT UNTIL THE FIRST EXPLOSION!

YOU IDIOTS! THERE ISN'T ENOUGH TIME TO COOL THEM ALL!
WE ARE ALL GOING TO DIE...!


HOW CAN YOU SAY SUCH THINGS WHEN ANDROIDS ARE RISKING THEIR LIVES TO SAVE EVERYONE?!
.....!!

WE WILL

UP!
WE HAVE TO QUICKLY COOL EVEN JUST ONE MORE UNTIL THEY'RE ALL STABLE!

30 SECONDS LEFT.

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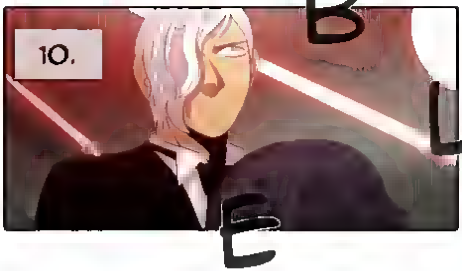
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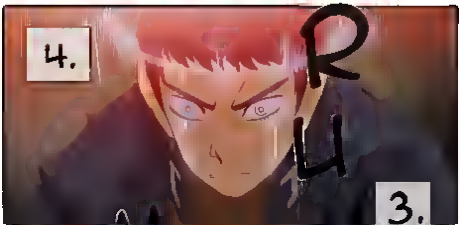
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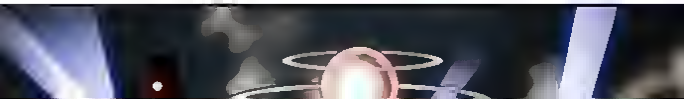

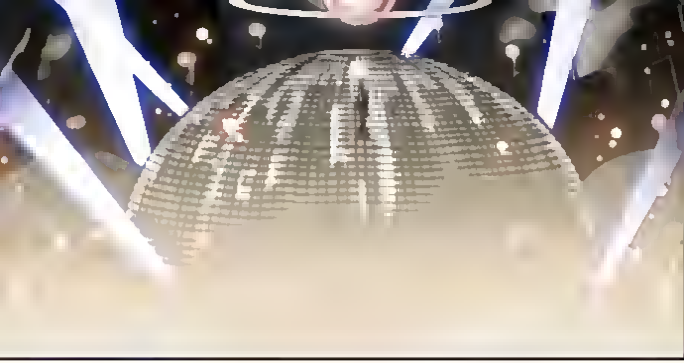

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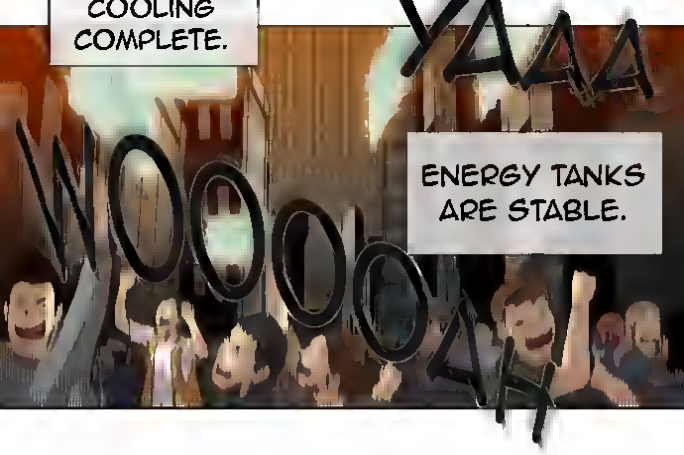

COOLING COMPLETE.
YAAA
WOOOOAH
ENERGY TANKS ARE STABLE.

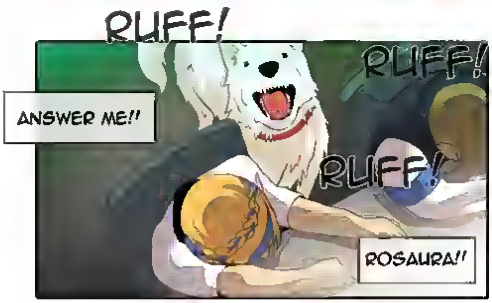
W-WE DID IT!
WE'RE ALIVE!
HEY ENRIKO...

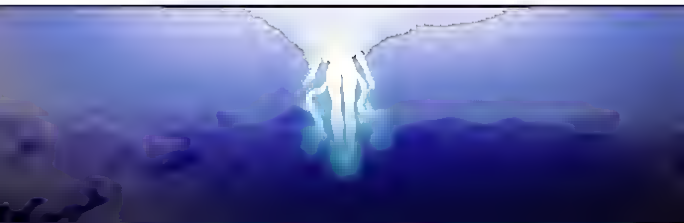
ARLEKINO...

!

ROSAURA! CAN YOU HEAR ME?!

RUFF!
ROSAURA!!
AWOL!!
RUFF!


RUFF!
RUFF!
ANSWER ME!!
RUFF!
ROSAURA!!



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SOB...
WHAAAALE!!!

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